

JANUARY COUNTY COURT

ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
AT A BUSY SESSION.

Bridge at Travelers Rest to be
Built. Dr. Ligon Re-elected Presi-
dent.

Pocahontas County Court was
in session Tuesday and Wednes-
day with Dr. Ligon, M. J. Mc-
Neel and Anos Barlow commis-
sioners, present. Much important
business was transacted. The
Chesapeake & O. Railway,
through its attorney, W. A. Brat-
ton, offered to give an iron bridge
to be put across the East Fork of
Greenbrier at Travelers Rest. The
condition of the offer were the
county should bear the ex-
pense of erection, and accept it at
this term of the court. An order
was entered accepting the bridge,
and Dr. Ligon, W. A. Bratton
and B. F. McElwee appointed
commissioners to let the stone-
work to contract.

A change in the lines between
Edray and Greenbank Districts
was proposed, but no definite ac-
tion taken. The idea was to have
the line run from the pike on Val-
ley mountain to the 76th mile
post on the Greenbrier Division,
instead of letting Edray District
lines extend along the Randolph
County line to a point nearly op-
posite Travelers Rest. Neither
district will lose anything in the
way of territory, as the
corners cut off of each are about
equal in size. All of the Cheat
Lumber region goes to Green-
bank, and the several neighbor-
hoods is and around Clover Lick
and Stony Bottom, which have ever
been divided by the line of the
two districts will be thrown to-
gether.

Dr. Ligon was again elected
president of the court.

The will of the late George S.
McNeel was admitted to probate,
and M. D. Dunlap qualified as
administrator of Susan E. McLaugh-
lin.

Mention to discontinue use of
Beaver Dam road dismissed.

Land owners ordered to show
cause why the Greenbrier River
and Seibert Road should not
open through their lands.

H. A. Slear relieved from er-
roneous taxation.

B. F. Conrad qualified as No-
tary Public.

J. H. Patterson and Andrew
Price appointed commissioners of
accounts, to ascertain amount due
county from Levi Gay's estate
and J. C. Arbogast late sheriffs
of Pocahontas County.

E. N. Moore, Sheriff of Poca-
hontas County, exonerated from
erroneous taxation.

Sheriff ordered to make settle-
ment with office renters in court
house.

George Duncan appointed in
place of John H. Sydenstricker
to act with G. M. Kee and S. B.
Moore as viewers of a proposed
road from Buckeye station to the
turnpike.

M. L. Beard appointed over-
seer of the poor for Little Levels
District.

Petition of George P. Moore
and others filed praying that road
from Marion Whites to Samuel
Baxters be closed.

Janitor of the Court House
allowed \$20 a month for his ser-
vice.

O. A. and L. H. Stephenson
relieved from erroneous assess-
ment.

CLAIMS ALLOWED.

J. N. White, \$29.25 lumber
for water tank.

W. A. Noel, \$399.04 Siding-
tons Creek bridge.

R. B. Slaven, \$24.28, plumb-
ing.

Price Bros. \$61.50, printing
and publishing.

Pocahontas Publishing Co.
\$37.50, publishing.

J. W. Oliver, Road Sept.
\$261.12.

H. A. Shinnberry, \$50, con-
tractor Laurel Creek road.

M. J. McNeel, \$350, for rock
crusher.

J. C. Harper, Road Sept.
\$354.00.

J. D. Gay, same \$100.51.

J. W. Oliver, same \$334.18.

P. G. Cisek, same \$330.

B. F. Woodell, \$4.50 lumber.

ing land books of 1836 to '44 in-
clusive.

Smith and Whiting, \$186.33,
coal.

C. J. Richardson, \$38.05, hard-
ware.

J. D. Gay, Road Sept. \$26.12.

T. S. McNeel, \$19.00, water
works.

The Geo. M. Griffin Company
\$652.64 work on court house.

Municipal Election.

Thursday was election day in
all incorporated towns and in
Marlinton there was a hot fight.
There were two tickets in the
field and the battle waged from
early morning to the setting of
the sun. There were 103 vote
cast. R. A. Kramer was elected
mayor over J. D. Pullin by a
majority of six votes. The fol-
lowing ticket was elected:

Mayor—R. A. Kramer.

Recorder—W. B. King.

For Council:

C. J. Richardson,
Uriah Bird,

R. P. Slaven,
E. M. Arbogast,

A. D. Williams.

At Academy the following
officers were elected.

Mayor—S. B. Larne.

Recorder—J. H. Clark.

Councilmen:

J. K. Bright,
Dr. McNeel,

S. J. Payne,
Marion Barr,

F. R. Hill.

At Casa.

Mayor—Wm. Siple.

Recorder, W. F. Anderson.

Councilmen:

C. L. O. Burner,
E. L. Roper,

J. M. Hannah,
J. C. Graves,

Dr. Arbuckle.

Ronceverte, Jan. 7.—There was
a hot fight between the three tick-
ets and a heavy vote polled. The
democrats elected the head of
their ticket, but the recorder is a
republican, and the council is
made up of democrats, republi-
cans and citizens.

Mayor—L. E. Kramer.

Recorder—James Miller.

Councilmen:

Fred. Buchanan,
N. H. Slack,

J. W. Graves,
M. A. Gates,

John Hannifan.

County Map.

Yancy Ligon has presented to
the County Court a large map of
Pocahontas showing all the water
courses of the county. The map
is made up from the various maps
of the many railway surveys made
through the county, and those of
the government with additions
and corrections. The work is
exceptionally well done, and had
the county employed engineers to
survey and do this work as has
been done by many counties, it
would have required an expense
of thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Joe Gay, on Elk, is very
sick at this time.

Andrew Price is in Grafton this
week on legal business.

Miss Dolly DeCraft of Anherst
county is visiting in Marlinton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William
Oriser, Jan. 6, 1904, a daughter.

Dr. Stout has located in Ronce-
verte for the practice of dentistry.

Married at Academy, December
23rd, Miss Minnie Byrd McClane
to Robert S. Law.

Mrs. Corn Cunningham and
Miss Florence Combs are visit-
ing in Taylor County this week.

E. M. Arbogast is preparing to
have a large lot of lumber manu-
factured in West Marlinton from
timber on the Apperson land.

Died Thursday, January 7th,
Elizabeth, little daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Fred Wallace of Lewis-
burg.

Mrs. Specht, wife of the Tan-
nery architect set out Thursday
afternoon for New York to visit
an invalid brother and other rela-
tives and friends and will be ab-
sent about a fortnight. Her
many friends wish her a safe and
pleasant journey.

DEATH BY STRANGULATION.

Harry E. Byrge Dies in a Boarding
House.

Durbin, W. Va.—Harry E.
Byrge, a Pennsylvanian, aged
about 24 years, was found dead in
his bed at the boarding house at
Brancher, above this place. It
was feared that Byrge had come
to his death by foul play, and
Squire N. B. Arbogast held an
inquest. From the evidence it
was found that the dead man had
been drinking hard for some days
and had died from strangulation.
The following citizens composed
the coroners jury: C. J. Hiner,
foreman; Wm. F. Kerr, Wade
Kelley, George W. Hinchman,
Lewis Bennett and Karl Deglar.

Wild Cat Hunt.

Frank Anderson, Paris Yeager,
Dr. Yeager, W. W. Tyree and
Carl Slaven, who had been hunt-
ing wild cats several days, killed
a large catamount, or Canadian
lynx, in Buckley mountain last
Thursday. The beast had been
tracking around near town several
weeks and had been seen near
several homes, and is thought by
some to be the panther reported
to have his home in Marlin moun-
tain. A bound was put on his
trail and after following it some
time would invariably lose the
scent upon the bare south side,
and the dog would go deer hunt-
ing. A light fall of snow com-
ing, the catamount could only
elude the dogs by circling and
back tracking. In one of his
rounds, he passed within ten feet
of one of the hunters who cracked
down upon him with both barrels
of a shot gun and scored a miss.
The next stander was more lucky
and brought the varment down
with a load of buck shot. It was
a full grown specimen, but not of
exceptional size. Upon referring
to the authorities we find its sci-
entific name *Felis Canadensis*, and
the name catamount, by which we
know the animal, is one which is
applied to half a dozen different
cat like varmints in as many parts
of the English speaking world.

An Elk.

E. M. Arbogast has on exhi-
bition a finely mounted bull elk,
a trophy of his recent hunt in
Colorado. The specimen is one
of the largest of its kind, weigh-
ing over eight hundred pounds
when killed, and has a signifi-
cant head of horns. From the
end of the nose to the tip of the
antlers is a distance of nearly
seven feet. This elk was killed
in Route County, Colorado just
before the present law, making
the killing of an elk a misde-
meanor, for which a \$500 fine is
prescribed, went into effect. He
was the leader of a band which
numbered perhaps thirty. The
hunters came upon them at a
lick and followed the trail for
many miles far into the Rockies.
After securing the game, the head
and hide had to be transported
on a pack horse several hundred
miles to the railway, which in it-
self was no small undertaking as
the antlers alone weight almost
forty pounds. Aside from its
interest as a memento of his trip
to the far west, the specimen is
such a magnificent one and so
well mounted that Mr. Arbogast
feels well repaid for the trouble
and expense incurred in procu-
ring and mounting it.

Arm Broken.

John Waugh, of Indian Draft
fell upon the ice Saturday morn-
ing and broke both bones in his
right arm. He had gone out to
feed and in passing over some
steep ground fell and striking his
head became unconscious. He
recovered in a few minutes and
rode several miles to a doctor.

Mr. Waugh's nearest neighbor,
Samuel M. Gay also had a fall
the same morning and has been
confined to his bed ever since.

He received serious injuries
about the hips and back.

Levi Waugh of the same neigh-
borhood who fell upon the ice
several weeks ago and dislocated
a shoulder, is making a good re-
covery.

New Law Firm.

N. C. McNeil and G. D. Mc-
Neil, attorneys, have formed a
partnership for the practice of
law with their office in the Court
house. The Senator has been in
practice here too long to need an
introduction, while G. D. McNeil
is a recent graduate having been
admitted to the bar about a year
ago.

DIED.

Mrs. Susan McLaughlin.

Sunday night, Jan. 3, 1904, at
the home of her son-in-law, Den-
nis Dever near Frost, Mrs. Susan
McLaughlin, relict of the late
Wm. J. McLaughlin, Esq. de-
parted this life aged about 71
years. Her ailment was grip of
virulent type, complicated with
pneumonia though her health had
not been robust for a year or
more.

Mrs. McLaughlin was a daugh-
ter of the late Mr. Jacob Bible
of Green Bank vicinity and was a
person widely known and greatly
esteemed for her many excellent
traits of character.

The hospitalities of her home
will be missed by scores of visit-
ing friends, the poor neighbors,
her liberal benevolence, and the
sick her sympathetic and helpful
attentions ready to be given by
day or night. In early woman-
hood she became a member of the
Presbyterian church, and while
devoted and loyal to her church
was remarkable for her liberality
and kindness to the sister churches.

She is survived by a daughter
and two sons, Mrs. Allie Dever,
M. D. McLaughlin near Frank-
fort, Greenbrier County and
Jacob McLaughlin, Indiana.

After impressive and well at-
tended memorial services at Sun-
set church conducted by her pas-
tor, G. W. Nickell, the remains
were brought to Marlinton, fifteen
miles, and placed by the side of
her lamented husband, who had
preceded her, seventeen years be-
fore.

It is consoling to think that
our departed one has gone to be
with here Saviour:

"Where the tears of earth are
dried,

Where its hidden things are
clear,

Where the work of life is tried.
By a juster Judge than here,

Father, in thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our mother
sleeping."

W. T. P.

Florence Smith.

Died at Hillsboro, Thursday
December 31st, of typhoid fever,
Miss Florence, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Asbury Smith, aged
about twenty-two years. A large
circle of kindred and attached
friends are much and sadly im-
pressed by the death of this amia-
ble and accomplished young lady.
In early youth she gave her heart
to her Redeemer and she realized
that life is real and earnest, and
diligently improved all her oppor-
tunities to prepare herself for use-
fulness, and that too quite suc-
cessfully.

She had just entered upon her
chosen work as teacher, when she
was stricken with disease, came
home, lingered a few weeks, and
then departed hence to be with
her Lord and Savior, in another
sphere of service.

"Hark! tis the voice angels,
Borne in a song to me,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the Jasper sea,
Safe in the arms of Jesus."

A FRIEND.

Six Months For Carrying Gun.

Squire N. B. Arbogast is de-
termined to break up the pernicious
habit of pistol carrying in the
town of Durbin, if heavy fines and
long jail sentences will do it. The
first victim is Willis Sheets who
has been lodged in jail and is now
serving a six months sentence for
carrying a gun. This is the first
instance on record in the county
where anything near the full limit
of the law has been inflicted for
this violation.

Appointments for January Edray Charge.

2nd. Sunday, Swago at 11 a.
m. and Marlinton 7:30 p. m.

3rd. Sunday, Quarterly Meet-
ing at West Union. Preaching
Saturday at 11 a. m. followed by
Quarterly Conference. Preaching
Sunday at 11 a. m.

4th. Sunday, Mary's Chapel 11
a. m. and Slaty Fork 3 p. m.

5th. Sunday, Edray at 11 a. m.
Please note changes for this
month.

A. M. CRANTREE, P. E.

The Marlinton Camp of Modern
Woodmen of America celebrated
the twenty-fifth anniversary of
their organization by an open ses-
sion and oyster supper Tuesday
evening. A good crowd was in
attendance and a handsome sum
collected.

Burned to Death.

A little child of Joe Pyles on
Beaver Creek, got its cloth a fire
from a fire place. Thursday and
received burns from which it died
that night. The child and its
six year old sister were alone in
the room at the time, and the
older child heroically carried the
baby, with its clothing all in
flames to the aged grandmother
in another part of the house, who
put out the fire with water. The
older child's clothing was of wool-
en or it would have shared the
same fate as the baby, as the
outer clothing was aflame also.

Much sympathy is felt for the
parents and aged grandmother in
their sad affliction.

Petition for Discharge.

In the District Court of the Unit-
ed States, for the Southern Dis-
trict of West Virginia:

In the matter of John Riley Gum
and Moonan & Gum, Bankrupts
No. 76, In Bankruptcy.

TO THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN F.
KELLER, Judge of the District
Court of the United States for
the Southern District of West
Virginia:

John R. Gum, of Greenbank, in
the County of Pocahontas, and
State of West Virginia, in said
District, respectfully represents
that on the 24th day of April, last
past, he was duly adjudged bank-
rupt under the Acts of Congress
relating to bankruptcy; that he
has duly surrendered all his prop-
erty, and rights of property, and
has fully complied with all the re-
quirements of said Acts and of the
orders of the Court touching his
bankruptcy.

WHEREFORE he prays that he
may be decreed by the Court to
have a full discharge from all
debts provable against his estate
under said Bankrupt Acts, except
such debts as are excepted by law
from such discharge.

Dated this 13th day of July, A.
D. 1903.

(Signed)
JOHN R. GUM, Bankrupt.

Notice of Order Thereon

In the District Court of the Unit-
ed States, for the Southern Dis-
trict of West Virginia:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST
VIRGINIA, SS:

On this 16th day of December,
A. D. 1903, on reading the fore-
going petition it is

ORDERED BY THE COURT, that a
hearing be had upon the same on
the 6th day of January, A. D. 1904
before said Court, at Charleston,
in said District, at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon; and that notice
thereof be published in the Pocahontas
Times, a newspaper printed in said
District, and that all known credi-
tors and other persons in interest
may appear at the said time and
place and show cause, if any they
have, why the prayer of the said
petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the
Court, that the Clerk shall send by
mail to all known creditors copies
of said petition and this order, ad-
dressed to them at their places of
residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Benja-
min F. Keller, Judge of the said
Court, and the seal thereof, at
Charleston, in said District, on the
16th day of December, A. D. 1903.

EDWIN M. KEATLEY, Clerk.

[SEAL] D. C. U. S. S. D. W. VA.

COMING

The time of year when it is neces-
sary to use something to keep the
hands and face from chapping.
There are a great many things
that can be used, some good and
some not so good.

Lavender Cream

is highly recommended by every
one that has used it. It is never
injurious to the most delicate
skin, but is always beneficial.

PRICE 25c.

Marlinton Drug Store.

A. K. Hawkes,

The Famous Atlanta Optician.



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For Superior Lens-Grinding and
Excellency in the Manufacture of
Spectacles and Eye-Glasses. Sold
in over 8,000 Cities and Towns
in the United States.

Established 1870.

These Famous Glasses for Sale by

S. B. Wallace & Co.

YOUR DOLLAR DO DOUBLE DUTY HERE.

Some people told us "Yes I like to trade at your store when you are
not crowded, but everytime I come you are always crowded." You
can avoid the crowd by doing your shopping early in the day. But it
dont matter whether you come early or late your dollar will go further
than anywhere else.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

I still have a nice line of furs left, Black Skunk Scarfs, they were
a bargain for \$2.95, special price \$1.95.

Pre Inventory Sale.

I am getting ready for my annual inventory, what a world of
work there is to be done. Think of counting, measuring and writing
down everything under this roof, 124 feet long, the buildings around
the store, and my stock of flour in Smith & Whiting's ware room.
What a taking down, pulling out and overhauling there will be. I
would rather count money than stock, it is so much easier and quick-
er. First move is REDUCED PRICES, cost ignored, values are made
to vacate the shelves. The rare bargains all through the house are of
sufficient interest for
you to call and see for
yourself.

Outing.

Teazel Down, Daisy Cloth, Alas-
ki Flannel and Siberian Flannel,
the newest and best outing made
worth 10 and 12 1/2 cents a yard,
only 7 1/2 cents.

Felt Boots.

White Felt with a snag proof rub-
ber rolled edge, first grade, worth
\$3 for \$2.25.

Ladies Felt Boots

Black Felt with overs, worth
\$1.25 for 98.

Shoes.



Here is a seasonable shoe, it is
damp proof, as a layer of cork is
between the inner and outer sole,
ask for the Dorothy Dodd shoe,
and see that it bears this trade
mark



The Truth

My creditors are after me, my
counters, shelves and stock rooms
are loaded down with goods, I
have got to turn them into money
some way, PROFIT OR NO
PLOT! I will SELL! SELL!
SELL!!! If you don't find every-
thing cheaper than you can buy
elsewhere, the same goods, report
to me personally and I will make
my statement good.

Wish You a Happy
New Year.

PAUL GOLDEN BARGAIN HOUSE.

THE POCAHONTAS